In the claims:

Please amend and reconsider the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ for gripping a flexible container~~, such as a bag~~ (17) filled with fluid[[,]] comprising: a chamber (15) that is open on one side (18) having ~~with~~ a peripheral wall (2) that encloses the open side (18), a container support (8) that extends in the peripheral direction inside the peripheral wall (2), ~~as well as~~ an orifice (14) for connecting a vacuum source to the chamber (15), wherein ~~the chamber (15) can be placed with~~ the open side (18) is configured for receiving ~~against~~ the container (17), such that a vacuum ~~can be generated~~ created by the vacuum source is formed between the chamber (15) and the container (17) ~~for bringing~~ to draw the container (17) into contact around the container support (8) transversely to the peripheral direction, ~~characterised in that~~ and wherein the orifice (14) is positioned outside the container support (8) and extends in the peripheral direction.

2. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 1, wherein the peripheral wall (2) has an inwardly directed flange (5) all round, on the inside edge (6) of which the container support (8) is located.

3. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 1, wherein the container support (8), viewed in the direction transverse to the open side, is inside the peripheral wall (2).

4. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 2, further comprising ~~wherein there is~~ a ring (7) that overlaps the peripheral wall (2) on the inside edge (6) of the flange (5), the container support (8) being positioned ~~located~~ on the free edge of the ~~which~~ ring (7).

5. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 1, wherein, viewed in the direction transverse to the open side (18), the distance between the orifice (14) and ~~is closer to~~ the open side (18) is less than the distance from the orifice (14) to the container support (8).

6. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 1, wherein an auxiliary wall (9) extends parallel to and ~~in the peripheral direction~~ inside of the peripheral wall (2), ~~which~~ and wherein the peripheral wall (2) ~~and auxiliary wall (9) enclose~~ encloses a space (12) that on one side can be connected to the vacuum source and that on the other side defines ~~determines~~ the orifice (14).

7. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 6, wherein the auxiliary wall (9) has an auxiliary wall section (11) oriented transversely to the open side (18).

8. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 7, wherein the auxiliary wall section (11) ~~oriented transversely to the open side (18)~~ extends beyond the container support (8) towards the open side (18).

9. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 7, wherein the auxiliary wall section (11) is a ~~distances~~ displaced away from the container support (8).

10. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 1, wherein the chamber (15) is delimited by a planar ~~closed~~ surface~~, such as a flat plate~~ (1) on the side opposite the open side (18).

11. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 1, wherein the container support (8) has a circular cross-section.

12. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 1, wherein the container support (8) is dimensioned and configured to receive the flexible container (17) ~~can be bent around the container support (8) through more than 180 degrees~~ in at least a 180 degree bend.

13. (Original) The device according to Claim 2, wherein the container support (8), viewed in the direction transverse to the open side, is inside the peripheral wall (2).

14. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 3, ~~wherein there~~ further comprising is a ring (7) that overlaps the peripheral wall (2) on the inside edge (6) of the flange (5), the container support (8) being located on the free edge of the ~~which~~ ring (7).

15. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 8, wherein the auxiliary wall section (11) is a ~~distances~~ displaced away from the container support (8).

16. (Original) The device according to Claim 2, wherein the chamber (15) is delimited by a ~~closed surface, such as a~~ flat plate (1) on the side opposite the open side (18).

17. (Original) The device according to Claim 2, wherein the container support (8) has a circular cross-section.

18. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 2, wherein the container support (8) is dimensioned and configured to receive the flexible container (17) ~~can be bent around the container support (8) through more than 180 degrees~~ in at least a 180 degree bend.

19. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 2, wherein, viewed in the direction transverse to the open side (18), the distance between the orifice (14) and ~~is closer to~~ the open side (18) is less than the distance from the orifice (14) to the container support (8).

20. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 2 wherein an auxiliary wall (9) extends parallel to and ~~in the peripheral direction~~ inside of the peripheral wall (2), ~~which~~ and wherein the peripheral wall (2) ~~and auxiliary wall (9) enclose~~ encloses a space (12) that on one side can be connected to the vacuum source and that on the other side defines ~~determines~~ the orifice (14).